

This Is Our Army

2003

The following pages focus on activities of America's Army over the past year. At no time in our nation's history has an Army been asked to do so much with so few Soldiers. But, when the democracy called, the men and women of our Army answered.

On a personal note, I thank the staff of Soldiers for a superlative job over the past three years I've had the privilege of being editor in chief. Their ability to conduct continued and sustained excellence month after month is truly remarkable. As I retire after more than 20 years of service, I can not even begin to express my profound gratitude to, and admiration for, this extraordinary group of people.

We at Soldiers hope you find this year's Almanac interesting and informative.

John C. Suttle
Editor in Chief



1 Soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division's 327th Infantry Regiment get ready for an air assault mission in Iraq. — PFC Thomas Day

2 MAJ Kim Daub from the 87th Corps Support Battalion gets a kiss from her son upon returning to Fort Stewart, Ga., from Operation Iraqi Freedom. — Lewis Levine

3 Soldiers from the Germany-based 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade watch a sunset over Israel during Operation Juniper Cobra. — SPC Kris Steward

4 CPT Thomas Burket muscles his way to victory in the 100-meter butterfly during a swimming meet in Saudi Arabia — SSG Mark A. Jefferson



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- 1 SPC Alexander Edwards from the 203rd Engr. Co. pushes an Iraqi girl on a swing near Baghdad International Airport. — MSgt. James M. Bowman, USAF
- 2 SPC Shawn Bly from the Kansas National Guard's 35th Inf. Div. assembles an antenna during a field exercise in Bosnia. — SFC Ronald D. Covington
- 3 An M1A1 Abrams tank from the Minnesota National Guard's 1st Bn., 194th Armor, qualifies on Table VIII at Camp Ripley's Ernest Miller Large Weapons Range Complex. — MSG Charles Farrow
- 4 SFC Marva Jean Lewis from the Army's Jazz Ambassadors performs during the NAACP Convention held in Miami, Fla. — SFC Alberto Betancourt
- 5 SGT Robert Anderson from the Iowa National Guard's 1168th Trans. Co. reads a copy of his mobilization orders while waiting to deploy overseas. — Lou Ann M. Mittelstaedt



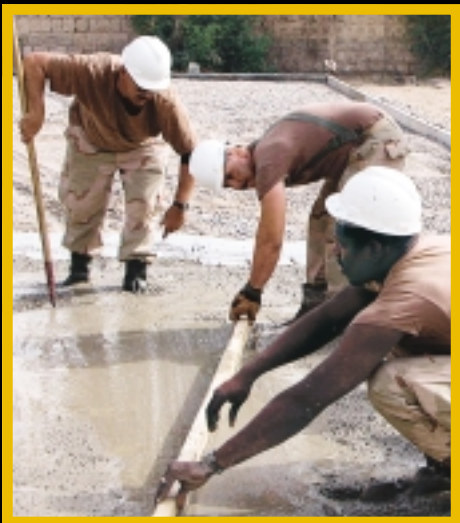
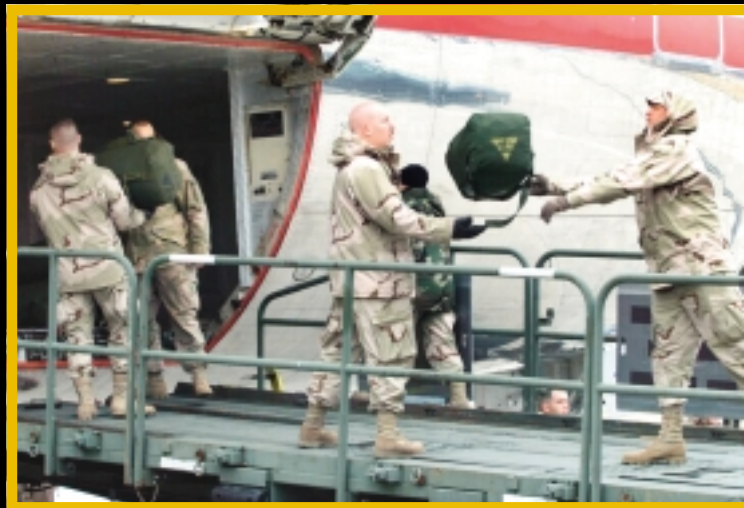
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6 Two Rangers move toward a rally point after a mass tactical airborne assault onto Fort Benning's Fryar Drop Zone during the opening hours of Ranger Rendezvous 2003. — SPC Jennifer J. Eidson

7 Soldiers from the Iowa Guard's 1168th Trans. Co. load cargo aboard a commercial airliner at Fort McCoy, Wis., before deploying overseas. — Lou Ann M. Mittelstaedt

8 Soldiers from the 877th Engr. Bn. of the Alabama National Guard smooth concrete they poured for a play area in a girls' orphanage in Mosul, Iraq. — SPC Joshua Hutcheson

9 MPs from the Illinois Guard's 814th Military Police Co. practice riot-control skills at Fort McCoy. — Lou Ann M. Mittelstaedt





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- 1 PFC William Prinkley of the 25th Inf. Div. lays down fire support during Exercise Pacific Bond 2003 in Australia. — SPC Sean Kimmons
- 2 Soldiers from 2nd Bn., 123rd Armd. Regt., pull a Humvee during an MWR-sponsored event in Bosnia. — 2LT Chris Dunphy
- 3 SPC Emilio Arizaga uses an air grinder to repair a section of Fort McCoy's railroad track. — Rob Schuette
- 4 An observer-controller from Fort Carson, Colo., monitors training during an FTX for the Oregon National Guard's 162nd Inf. Bn. — CPT Kerrie Hurd



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5 SGT Danny Carpenter from the Kentucky Guard's 206th Engr. Bn. loosens bolts while removing the roller from the front of an M1 Abrams. — MSG D. Keith Johnson

6 Soldiers from Wisconsin's 32nd MP Co. practice water-survival techniques at Fort McCoy. — Rob Schuette

7 Army Reserve soldiers from the 463rd Engr. Bn. supporting Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa build a school in Hurso, Ethiopia. — SGT Bradley Shaver

8 Reservists from the 1133rd Trans. Co. prepare to board an aircraft at Fort McCoy's Volk Field en route to Southwest Asia. — Lou Ann M. Mittelstaedt



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1 SPC Sean Johnson from the 25th Inf. Div.'s 3rd Bde. tosses an inert grenade during Expert Infantry Badge testing. — SPC Sean Kimmons

2 The sun rises over the 1st Armd. Div.'s divisional artillery tactical operations center at Baghdad International Airport. — CPT Jeffrey Sargent

3 Soldiers from the 998th Quartermaster Co. practice assembling their weapons while wearing NBC protective masks at Fort McCoy. — Lou Ann M. Mittelstaedt

4 Soldiers from the 502nd Inf. Regt. catch a nap aboard a helicopter en route to an operation in western Iraq. — SGT Robert Woodward



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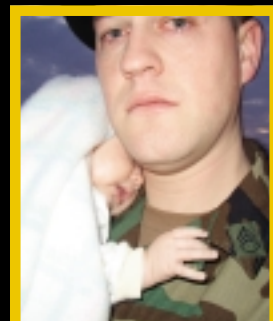
5 A preschooler from Fort McCoy's Child Development Center enjoys a slide. — Rob Schuette

6 SSG Andrew R. Ellis of the Army Reserve's 75th Inf. Div. holds his son before deploying in support of Operation Noble Eagle. — Cory Ellis

7 Wisconsin Guard artillerymen fire a salute during a Fort McCoy ceremony. — Lou Ann M. Mittelstaedt

8 Children participating in Fort McCoy's School-Age Services Program enjoy Rumpel Fitness Center's pool. — Rob Schuette

9 2LT Donald Bigham from the 118th Inf. Regt. reaches the finish line during the "Survivor Games" at Camp Eagle, Bosnia. — 2LT Chris Dunphy



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1 SGT William Tyrrell of the the 25th Inf. Div. swims beneath a barbed wire obstacle during Exercise Pacific Bond 2003 in Australia. — SPC Sean Kimmons

2 SPC Anthony Sands and SPC Donaldo Holguin duke it out during a 101st Abn. Div. boxing smoker. — SGT Curtis Hargrave

3 SGT Kevin Lugenbeel and SGT Darren Thompson of the Nebraska National Guard's 167th Cavalry Regt. hand out candy while patrolling in Bosnia. — 1st Lt. Kevin Hynes, USAF

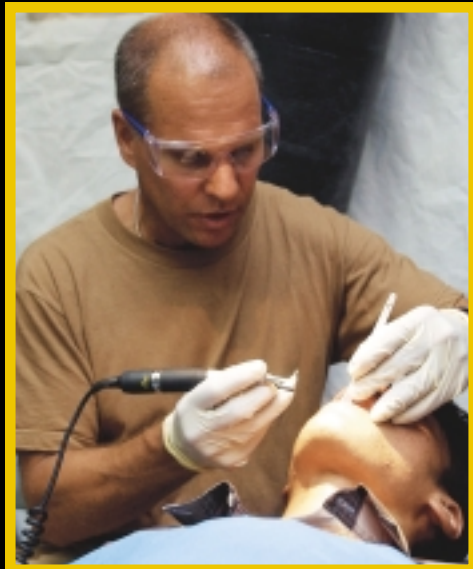
4 CPL Francisco Gomez of the 3rd Inf. Div. gets a hug from his mother upon his return to Fort Stewart from Iraq. — Lewis Levine

5 LTC Donald Fiedler, a dentist with the Germany-based 561st Med. Co., provides care to an Iraqi man at Baghdad International Airport. — Master Sgt. James M. Bowman, USAF

6 Cadets tackle an obstacle at Camp Riply's confidence course during a Basic Training Orientation Course. — SSG Clinton Wood

7 SFC William Friedman of the Virginia National Guard's 80th Inf. Div. reacts to his exposure to tear gas during training at Fort A.P. Hill. — SFC Bradley A. Frey

8 Choir members rehearse at the Camp Eagle base chapel in Bosnia. — 2LT Chris Dunphy



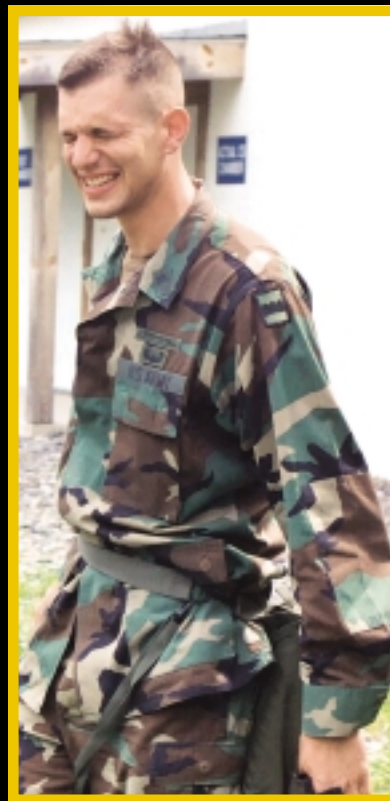
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1 MAJ Chuck Eberth inoculates a pig with the help of SPC Scott Austin during a veterinary community action program visit in Bosnia. — SGT Guy D. Choate

2 Army Reserve SGT Jerry Milkroberts stands with the Minnesota Twins mascot after singing the National Anthem during the team's recognition of the Army's birthday. — SFC Susanne Aspley

3 SSG Joseph Ferguson of the 123rd Armd. Regt. receives a flower from a young resident of Svojat, Bosnia. — CPT Clay Adamkavicius

4 Pathfinders from the 101st Abn. Div. and an OH-58D helicopter search for terrorists in western Iraq. — SGT Robert Woodward

5 1LT Dan Rae of the 422nd Civil Affairs Bn. trades "thumbs-ups" with a new friend in a village near Najaf, Iraq. — SSG Kevin P. Bell

6 SGT Nicholas Carter of 2nd Bn., 123rd Armd. Regt., blocks a shot by a Tuzla University player during a basketball game at Peacekeeper Hall in Bosnia. — SFC Ronald D. Covington

7 Fort Riley, Kan. firefighters Dan Peters (*right*) and Ivan Mays resuscitate a puppy following a house fire. — Mike Watson

8 SFC Brian Harrington, an instructor at Fort McCoy's drill sergeant course, works with a student. — Roc Schuette

9 SSG Arthur Staniec of the 501st MP Co. checks his "Blue Force Tracker" before a Humvee patrol in western Iraq. — Patricia Simoes



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1 Soldiers of the 25th Inf. Div. leave a CH-47 Chinook during air-assault training on the island of Molokai. — SFC Sean Kimmons

2 Kayla Knabenshue bids farewell to her father, CPT John Knabenshue of the 109th Engr. Bn., as he deploys to Iraq. — Rebecca Knabenshue

3 Texas Army Guard artillerymen fire their 75mm howitzer during a salute at Gov. Rick Perry's inauguration. — SFC Brender Benner

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